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Agri (1955) Department.

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G.O. No. 202.

Dated - 25.1.55

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Fisheries - Lands - South Kanara District - Udipi Taluk - Acquisition of patta lands on foreshore and reservation of Gumaki lands for fishermen in Udipi taluk - Requests made by the fishermen and fish curers of Udipi taluk - Orders passed.

Extract from Memo d 22/5/54 received from (A) by the Fishermen of ... 73660 A/54

LAND FACILITIES: Throughout our coast numerous Pattadars are habituated to planting trees reaching almost the sea-shore. In several fishing villages this comes in the way of fishing profession and its various operations like drying large nets, curing and drying of fish etc. This is almost a common grievance and calls for immediate action. The fishermen acutely feel the necessity of independent ground for their day to day operations. In some villages they do not have even their own space to keep their valuable boats etc. We suggest to you, Hon'ble Sir, that drastic and permanent measures are taken to enable the fishermen to pursue their vocation without impediments. Firstly, Kumki lands wherever available near about the sea shore be reserved for the fishermen only. Where Patta lands obstruct our profession and result in large losses to the community, steps may kindly taken by the Government to acquire these lands and accommodate the needy fisherman. This is especially feasible where the Patta lands belong to absentee Land-lords.

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UNDER SECRETARY TO G V...NT
25 MAY 1954
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

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May be examined in consultation with Rev.
M. Bhaktavatsalam
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Communications may please be addressed to V.S. adiga, P.O. Kodyadka, Udipi Tk, South Kanara

Agri (CR) Dyd.

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The Bd of Rev (CR) may be requested to offer its remarks on the above request. The draft Memo submitted below is for approval. Rev may see before issue.

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Re draft memo below accepted by Defence Dept - may now be approved & issued.

~~Draft memo may kindly be~~

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Agrl. (C) Dept

Memo No 73660 C2/54.2 dt 10.6.1954.

Subj: Fisheries. S. Kanara Dt – Udipi Taluk – Request for acquisition of kolla lands on sea shore and assignment to fishermen.

Ref: Memorandum dated 22/5/54 addressed to DH (A) by the Fisheries and Fisheries of Udipi Taluk.

Extracts from the Memorandum cited on the above subject are communicated to the Board of Rev (C.R) for remarks in connection with the D.O. letter.

approved by us is noted.

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To

The Board of Rev (C.R.)

Copy to the D.O. letter with an extract of portion F comp. Cf.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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SUB: Fisheries - (S.Kanara) - Udipi Taluk - Request for acquisition of patta lands and reservation of kumki lands for fishermen - Remarks - Submitted

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Station: Madras Dated 17-11-1954

ASST ASSISTANT SECRETARY 25 NOV 1954 REVENUE DEPARTMENT

FROM

SRI W.R.S.Sattianathan I.C.S., Commissioner of Land Revenue.

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SRI P.Sivasankaran Pillai I.A.S., Secretary Land Revenue.

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READ: Govt.A.G.Memo No.73660-CII/54-2 dt. 14.6.54
S.K.Collector's D.Dis.16099-54 dated 19.8.54.
S.K.Collector's Ref.No.25631-54-B5 dated 29.10.54.

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Submitted to the Government.

2. In their Memo cited, the Government have called for the remarks of the Board in consultation with the Director of Industries and Commerce on the request of the fishermen of Udipi Taluk, S. Kanara District (1) that "patta" lands near the sea shore might be acquired for being assigned to them as these lands "obstruct" their profession and (2) that the kumki lands near the sea shore might be reserved for fishermen only. The remarks of the Director of Industries and Commerce and the Collector of S.Kanara have been obtained in the matter and the following remarks of the Board are submitted.

(1) Request for acquisition of patta lands: In their memorandum (copy forwarded with the Government Memo cited) the fishermen have represented that where patta lands obstruct their profession and resulted in large loss to their community, steps might be taken by Government to acquire these lands for being assigned to them. In his letter second read above, the Collector has stated that this request refers to "patta" lands which obstructed fishing operations and that no such cases of obstruction by 'patta' lands have come to his notice. He has therefore recommended that acquisition proposals in respect of these lands may be dropped. Regarding the acquisition proposals called for in para 2 of G.O.1161 Revenue dated 23.4.53, the Collector has reported that the proposals are pending with the Tahsildars and that he would send them separately on their receipt from the Tahsildars. As the Collector has now reported that no cases of obstruction by 'patta' lands have come to his notice, the question of their acquisition does not arise and the acquisition proposals promised by him with reference to G.O.1161 Revenue dt. 23-4-1953 may be awaited.

(2) Request for reservation of Kumki lands:- The Collector is not in favour of reserving kumki lands for accommodating the fishermen on the ground that it would work hardship on the agriculturists besides causing widespread discontent among them. As stated by the Collector if kumki lands are given to Fishermen, the adjoining agriculturists will be deprived of the facilities for agricultural operations. Further, the needy fishermen are going to be provided with suitable lands with reference to G.O.1161 Revenue dated 23.4.53. The Board is therefore not in favour of reserving kumki lands to fishermen.

FOR SECRETARY

To

The Secretary to Government,
Agriculture Department.

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Copy of D.Dis.16099-54 dated 19.8.54 From the Collector of S.Kanara
To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras 5.

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SUB: Fisheries - South Kanara - Udipi taluk - Request for acquisition of patta lands - on sea-shore and assignment to fishermen - Remarks call - report submitted

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REF: From the Board of Revenue Ref.No.5057-54-1 dt. 23.6.54.

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I have carefully considered the representations urged by the Fishermen of Udipi taluk, contained in the extract from the memorandum communicated to me in the Board's reference cited. The following are my recommendations in the matter.

2. The representations of the fishermen do not make mention of specific instances of encroachments on sea-shore lands which obstruct thier fishing operations. Enquiry got held in the matter revealed that there are several encroachments on the sea coast and that they have been on the increase in recent years. Most of them have been made by fishermen and traders in fish to whom the land in the fore-shore is essential. Some of the encroachments are reported to have been made indiscriminately and their eviction has become a difficult task. Encroachments within 100 yards of the high water mark of the sea were considered prime facie objectionable and had to be removed summarily, but in view of the provisions contained in G.O.Ms.No.1161 dated 23.4.53, even such encroachments had to be leased out for a period of 3 years. So much so none of encroachments could be got removed which has resulted in the curtailment of lands available for the fishermen in general. As the G.O. in question does not make any discrimination between a rich and poor encroacher and as the encroachment made include those made by persons other than fishermen also it is not possible to assign lands on sea coast exclusively to fisherfolk. I suggest therefore that the concessions given in the G.O. may be restricted in this case or coastal in South Kanara District to fisher-folk only, so that the encroachments effected by persons other than fishermen, could be evicted after the expiry of the lease period and the lands made available for the deserving poor fishermen only. I recommend that the Board may be pleased to move the government to modify the Government order.

3. It has been urged by the fisher-folk that Kumaki lands in the vicinity of the sea shore be reserved for use by fishermen only. I am not in favour of withdrawing kumaki privileges and reserving the land for the exclusive use of the fishermen as this would work hardship on the agriculturists besides causing wide spread discontent among them. The question of acquiring patta lands also does not arise, as no specific instance which has come in the way of the fishing operation has been brought to light. I recommend therefore that the question of reservation of kumaki lands and acquisition of patta lands may be dropped.

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FOR SECRETARY.

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Copy of Ref.No.25631-54-B5 dated 29.10.54 From the Collector in charge (Collector) To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras 5.

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SUB: ENCROACHMENT - Land - South Kanara district - Udipi taluk - Request for acquisition of patta lands on sea shore and assignment to Fishermen - further particulars - called for - Report submitted

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REF: Board's Ref.E.5057/54-4 (Rev) dated 29.9.54.

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The extract from the fishermen's memorandum communicated with Board's Ref.No.5057/54-1 dated 23.6.54 contained a request that 'where patta lands obstructed their profession and resulted in large loss to their communities, steps might be taken by Government to acquire these lands' etc. This request refers to 'patta' lands which obstructed fishing operations No. such cases of obstruction by (patta' lands having come to my notice I suggested the dropping of the proposal made in the memo.

2. The proposals made in my Ref.A1.30281/52.1 dated 15.12.52 relate to acquisition of lands for providing alternate sites for the fisherfolk, squatting on foreshore lands. These proposals are now pending with the Tahsildars. I shall submit separate proposals for acquisition as ordered in G.O.Ms.No.1161 Revenue dated 23.4.1953 on receipt of the proposals from the Tahsildars.

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FOR SECRETARY.

Agriculture (CII) Dept.

Sub: Fisheries - Lands- South Kanara district- Udipi Taluk- Acquisition of patta lands on foreshore and reservation of Kumaki lands for fishermen in Udipi Taluk- Requests made by the fishermen and fish curers of Udipi Taluk- Orders passed.

Read again: G.O.Ms.No. 1161 Rev. dated 23.4.1953.

Read also From the Board of Rev.(L.R.) Ref.No. B.P.Rt.No. 6467 dated 17.11.1954.

G.O.Ms No 202 --- dated. 25.1.55

Ther Govt. accept the recommendations made by the Board of Revenue in its reference read above that (1) as there are no cases of obstruction in Udipi Taluk, by patta lands to the fishing operations conducted by the fishermen, the patta lands in the taluk need not be acquired, ~~for removal of obstruction and that~~ and (2) Kumaki lands in the taluk need not be reserved for the fishermen, as such a step would work hardship on the agriculturists who enjoy the Kumaki privileges, besides causing widespread discontent among them.

2. The Board of Revenue is requested to ~~submit~~ the proposals for acquisition of private lands on the foreshore in South Kanara District for accommodating the fishermen near the sea, called for in para 2 of G.O.Ms.No. 1161 Revenue dated 23.4.53. ~~expeditiously~~.

3. If genuine hardship continues to be felt by the fishermen in finding accommodation on the foreshore and the proposals called for from the Board do not materially help in finding out suitable alternative sites for the fishermen, the Board may submit proposals to the Govt. for extending the three year period of lease of the Govt. lands on the foreshore, granted to the encroachers in para 1 of G.O.Ms.No. 1161 Revenue dated 23.4.53.

To

The Board of Rev.(L.R.)
Copy to the D.I&C.
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Agriculture (CII) Dept.

Memo.No. 73660 CII/54-4 dated 25.1.1954.

Sub: Fisheries - South Kanara District- Udipi Taluk- Request for acquisiton of patta lands and reservation of Kumaki lands for fishermen- Orders passed.

Ref: Memo. dated 22.5.1954 presented to the Minister for Agriculture by the Fishermen and fish curers of Udipi Taluk.

In their Memorandum cited, the fishermen and fishcurers of Udipi Taluk, South Kanara District, have requested

(1) that patta lands near the sea shore may be acquired for being assigned to them, as these lands obstruct their profession; and

(2) that the Kumaki lands near the sea shore may be reserved for assignment to the fishermen only.

The Government have examined the requests and pass the following orders thereon:-

Item (1). Acquisition of patta lands for removal of obstruction to the fishing industry

The Collector of South Kanara has reported, that in Udipi Taluk, cases of patta lands obstructing fishing operations have not come to his notice. There is no need to acquire The Govt. therefore consider that patta lands in Udipi Taluk, ~~need not be acquired for removal of obstruction to the fishermen.~~

Item (2). Reservation of Kumaki lands to the fishermen.

The Kumaki lands are pieces of waste lands or jungles assigned in the settlement of 1812 to each land holder, for provision of pasture, fuel, timber etc. The Kumakidars have a pre-emptive right to assignment when the land is proposed to be assigned by the Govt. Any curtailment of the 'Kumaki privilege might have repurcussions on the efficiency of Agriculture

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South Kanara District, besides causing hardship on the agriculturists and creating widespread discontent among them. The Govt. ~~therefore~~ do not accept the suggestion of the fishermen and fish-curers of Udipi Taluk, South Kanara District, that Kumaki lands may be assigned to the fishermen.

The Collector of South Kanara has however been ~~requested~~ instructed to submit proposals to acquire sufficient extent of private lands in the coastal areas of South Kanara District for accommodating the fishermen on the foreshore of the District.

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To Sri U.Sadiya,

Fish curersand fishermen Association,

Udayavar P.O.

Udipi Taluk, South Kanara Dt.

Copy to the Collr. of South Kanara.

Copy to the Board of Rev.

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To,
The Hon: Minister for Agriculture,
Govt. of Madras,
Fort St. George,

FOURTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY 12FEB1955 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY SECRETARY 1-FEB1955 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

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Sub: Land- Acquisition- Sea Coastal Area- M'lore Fisheries office Re: G.O.Ms.No.A-55-- 15.I.55.

Respected Sir,

We, the President, and the Hon: Secretary, under instructions of the above-named Sabha beg leave to inform you that the Sabha, on receipt of the above order met and on due consideration thanking the Govt. of Madras for the order resolved to put before you the following for your earnest and sympathetic --- consideration.

Initially, we beg to express our sense of deep gratitude and thankfulness for the Govt's G.O. on the question of allotment on acquisition of --- lands on permanent basis to the fishing folk of the Coastal belt of our District.

In compliance of the above order, we have the honour to state that :-

Our Fishing Hamlet : Moolur :- Ours is the largest fishing village in this part of the District. Certain parts of our hamlet are congested and has been occupied in an unscientific and therefore necessariy insanitary manner. In other words, it is not planned and at times of general break-out of disease or epidemics, there is definitely the danger of unduly heavy casualties. The other unfortunate aspect of our Social life is that we are living now for the last four years, consistently and contnuously under depression in our industry, namely Fishing. Naturally, we are hit the hardest this Season and due to this and also the burden of debts we held by, we are not in a posistion, as we were once to meet even our domestic or Social obligations even to the extent of complacency.

Hence, we humbly and respectfully, take the liberty of approaching the Govt. and request alleviation of our misery to the extent of provision of freedom from worry on the score of our habitation and its few problems by giving the most sympathetic and kind consideration to our this request.

The Non-Pattadars:- In our hamlet there are a total number of Moolageni Tenants. These families, now for centuries have been paying heavy rent to the Pattadars. This is an anomaly which will be fully removed by acquisistion of these this pieces of lands and giving pattas to the Moolageni tenants.

We request therefore that the 47 Tenants without ownership rights may please be given permanent pattas.

The Landless:- In our village there are in all 75 families who are, in letter and spirit and for all practical purposes., landless.

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They now occupy small dwellings and huts and or are living under tthe shelter of large families and or relatives, mostly. Their condition demands immediate redress. It is our humble prayer to our Govt. that these unfortunate people may please be given permanent lands, at least 50 cents per family, and helped into occupation of the said pieces of labds.

Available Lands:- The following acreage, adjacent to and pr imating to our hamlet, less than four furlongs from the Sea-shore, are unoccupied and is lying waste. In our humble opinion it is meet and proper that in alloting these lands, we the fishermen, who have perforce to live by the shore be given e prefrence. We cite under only those pieces of land which are by natural layout best suited by for occupation by the fishing community of our hamlet.

The Lands:-

I. 25 Acres of land adjacent to the burning ground of the Mogaveera or fishermne community now held by the Bikri Guttu as KUMKI.
2. 4 Acres of lands situate north to the house of Kudpa Poojari now held by Achanna Shetty.
3. I5 Acres of land situate south to the house of Moolur - grama Patel.
4. 5 Avres of land east of Basel Mission School now held by Narnakkare Guttu.
5. 3 Acres of land situate east to the Kudpa Poojari estate Now held by Beladi Sarasu Madathi.

The total acreage of land available to and for reallotment is about 52 acres as will be seen from the foregoing.

Of these we suggest and pray that each of the 75 landless famil ies be allowed occupation on permament patta rights at the rate of 50 cents per family.

A Community Hall:- We have no community hall in our hamlet. we require one for various reasons, mainly social. For this purpose, we request that Govt. do kindly allot a separate piece of One acre of land suitable for the object of constructing a Community hall with provision of drinking water well.

Provision of Drinking Water:- We have requested above for assignment of land for the landless families of our village. These are amongst the poorest in the village and cannot hope for their own wells. We therefore take the liberty of a requesting that provision may kindly be made for atleast 8 eight wells at convenient pints to be utilised as community wells and further for this purpose necessary cash grants may please be made. This is a necessity, the importnace of which we need not stress.

Our Humble Prayer:- We realise that the foregoing requests a are too far-fetched. But it is at the same time true that the above are facts and needs immediate attention.

Hence we invite your kind attention to the misery and economic distress prevailing in our midst. The granting in full of our above requests will go a long way in redeeming our poor and honest folk from poverty and we are certain that a healthier spirit of co-operative effort at greater progress would result.

Finally, we once again take this opportunity to thank our Govt. for the new order on land-acquisition and hope that early steps will be taken to effe effect to our above demands by instruction to the officers concerned for urgent enquiry and inspection, departmentally, at an early date. For this purpose, we have collected full and final data on the subject and these will be given, on request, to the officers who may under your kind orders visit our village.

Praying to be excused for the troubles entailed hereby and thank ing you in anticipation, we remain Respected Sir,

Yours Respectfully,
For the Moolur Mogaveera Sabha,

Sd/- Sivappa Pandeshwar B.B. Kotiankar
President, Hon: Secretary.

Copy to:- Secretary, Board of Revenue, Govt. of Madras, Chepauk,, Madras. 2, District Collector, South Kanara, Mangalore, 3, The Tahsildar, Udipi, 4, Asst. Director, Deppt. of Fisheries, Mangalore, 5, The Insp- ector, Deppt. of Fisheries, Udipi Range, Udipi.

Agri (C2) Dept

Memo No 11601/C2/55-2 dt 7.3.1955

Subject: Lands - South Kanara Dt - Acquisition of lands on the foreshore of South Kanara Dt for assignment to fishermen

Ref: 1. G.O Ms No 1161 Rev dt 22.6.1954

2. G.O Ms No 202 Agri dt 25.1.1955

3. From the President, Moolur Mogaveera Sabha Moolur petition dated 5.2.1955

In continuation of the orders issued in G.O Ms No 202 Agri dated 25.1.1955, a copy of the petition from the President, Moolur, Mogaveera Sabha, Moolur, South Kanara Dt, requesting acquisition of private lands on the foreshore in the village for assignment to the fishermen and for provision of drinking water facilities, is communicated to the Board of Revenue (CR) for information and necessary action in consultation with the Director.

The Board of Revenue (C.R)

2) Copy to the Director

-do- to Revenue Department for information.

President
Moolur Mogaveera Sabha
Moolur, S. Kanara Dt.

CENTRAL DELIVERY BRANCH
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Agri (CII) Dept.

Subj: Fisheries - South Kanara Dt - Udipi Taluk

CRO 73660 Co/54 - Request for requisition of Palla lands and reservation of Kumbi lands for fishermen - Remarks -

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1 p/cy In their Memorandum dated 22.6.1954, presented to M(A), the Fish Curers and the fishermen of Udipi Taluk South Kanara District, have requested

A or p/cy (1) that 'Palla' lands near the sea shore might be acquired for being assigned to them as these lands obstruct their profession and

B or p/cy (2) that the Kumbi lands near the sea shore might be reserved for the fishermen only.

2. The Board of Revenue was requested to offer its remarks on the representation made by the fishermen and fish curers of Udipi Taluk, in consultation with the D.C. The remarks of the Board will be found on pages of. The Board has reported as follows:-

(a) Acquisition of palla lands.

Or p/cy The Board has reported that in South Kanara Dt, cases of obstruction by 'palla' lands to the fishermen have not come to the notice of the Collector of the District. The Bd has therefore stated, that the question of

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acquisition of patta lands to remove obstructions to the fishermen does not arise. The Board's views may be accepted for orders.

(b) Reservation of Kumki lands for fishermen.

The Board is not in favour of reserving kumki lands for accommodating the fishermen, on the ground that it would work hardship on the agriculturists who will be deprived of the facilities, such as removal of green manure etc from the lands, for agricultural operations, besides causing widespread discontent among them. The Board's views may be concurred with. For orders.

3. The Board has also reported that with reference to the orders issued in G.O Ms no. 1161 Revenue dated 23.6.1953, necessary proposals will be submitted to the Govt: to provide the fishermen with land near the seashore who are in need of it

4. Revenue Dept may see for remarks if any, before the file is circulated.

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This seems to be connected with the Board's letter No 11471 Rev 1 28455 dated 23rd cf which was sent to Govt

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Where there are new kumki lands for allotment, assignment may be given for

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It is nearly 20 months since the cf (A) was sent. G.O. may be issued to get report of progress

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Fishermen must have a preferential right for lands on the shore as they cannot go elsewhere if they are to continue their

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Revenue Department.

To A.S.

The notes of Agriculture on pp.1-2 above may be perused.

2. 'A' on p.2 ante:-Attention is invited to para 1 of the South Kanara Collector's report on p.9 C.F. It will be seen therefrom that the memorandum of the fishermen refers ~~only~~ to cases of obstruction by "patta" lands in the Udipi Taluk alone and the Collector has reported that no such cases of obstructio have been brought to his notice in this part of the district. The Board has supported the Collector's ~~recommendation~~ new and has stated that the question of acquisition of patta lands in the Udipi Taluk does not therefore arise. By its statement that the acquisition proposals promised by the Collector of S.Kanara w.r.to para 2 of G.O.Ms.No.1161, Rev., dated 23.4.1953 may be awaited, the Board evidently refers to the proposals of the Collector for acquisition of sufficient extent of private lands for meeting the needs of fishermen in the coastal areas of the entire S.Kanara district and it is not therefore inconsistent with what it has stated at 'K' on p.5 C.F.

'B' on p.2 ante:- It is submitted that 'kumaki' land is (one that is lying within distance of) ~~limited to~~ 100 yards from the cultivated land to which it has been attached. These 'kumaki' lands are pieces of waste lands or jungle assigned in the settlement of 1812 to each landholder for the provision of pasture, fuel and timber. They generally adjoin the cultivated land of the landholder. But, it need not be so in all cases. The 'kumakidars' have a pre-emptive right to assignment when the land is proposed to be assigned by the Government. It does not therefore appear that the 'kumaki' lands can be reserved to the fishermen unless the 'kumakidars' decline to take such lands on assignment. The L.R.R.Committee have also held that any curtailment of the 'kumaki' privilege

might have repurcussions on the efficiency of agriculture in the South Kanara district. The Dy.Secy Agri., has stated that where there are new kumaki lands available for assignment, at least, they may be reserved for the fishermen. As it appears that no 'kumaki' ~~lands~~ privileges were granted subsequent to Fasli 1276 it is not clear what exactly Dy.Secy.,Agriculture means by saying "new kumaki lands". However, in the ~~above~~ above circumstances stated, this Dept. may agree with the Collr. of S.Kanara and the Board that it is not necessary to reserve any of these 'kumaki' lands to the fishermen.

'C' on p.2 ante:-It is submitted that the Collr. of S.Kanara was asked to initiate proposals to acquire sufficient extent of private lands for meeting the needs of fishermen in the coastal areas of his dist. within the three-year period mentioned in para 1 of the G.O. at (M). The Collr. has reported that the acquisition proposals in this regard are now pending with the Tahsildars and that he will submit a report separately on receipt of proposals from the Tahsildars. The Collector may perhaps be asked to expedite his proposals in the matter.

With the above remarks, the file may be returned to Agriculture.

To A.S.

"D" on p.3 ante:-It is submitted that no doubt the South Kanara Collector's letter on pp.1-2 C.F. of (M) speaks of encroachments on the foreshore lands in the Thannirbavi village of Mangalore Taluk. But the orders passed in G.O. Ms.No.1161,Rev.,dated 23.4.53 do not specifically make mention of the foreshore lands in the Thannirbavi village alone. Please see also

portions marked 'X' and 'Z' on pp. 8 and 9 C.F.
It will be seen therefrom that the Collr. of S.Kanara has also taken it for granted that the orders in the G.O. at (M) apply in general to the coastal areas of his district.

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Of genuine hardship continues to be felt by the fishermen and the action referred to at para 2 on p 9 C.F. does not materially help in finding out suitable alternative sites, Govt. may perhaps consider extending the 3yr period of lease ⊗granted in G.O. 1161 dt 23.4.1953 at (M) below.

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Revenue No 99925/A/54-1
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Agriculture (CII) Dept.

(The notes of Revenue Department at pages 3-5 above may be perused)

The file deals with the following two requests made by the Fish curers and fishermen of Udipi Taluk, South Kanara District, in their Memorandum dated 22.5.1954 presented to M(A):-

(1) Patta lands near the sea shore may be acquired for being assigned to the fishermen, as these lands obstruct their profession, and

(2) Kumaki lands near the sea shore may be reserved for the fishermen only.

~~The Board of Revenue was requested to offer its remarks on the above requests made by the fishermen and fish curers of Udipi Taluk, South Kanara District.~~ The remarks of the Board which was consulted will be found on page 5 c.f. The requests are examined below:-

Item (1)- Acqusition of patta lands on foreshore for fishermen

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The Board has reported that in Udipi Taluk, South Kanara District, cases of obstruction to the fishermen by patta lands have not come to the notice of the Collector of the District. The Board has therefore stated that the question of acquisition of patta lands on the foreshore of Udipi Taluk to remove obstruction does not therefore arise. Revenue Department agree with the Board. Hence no action is called for on the request.

With reference to the question of provision of suitable accommodation to the fishermen of South Kanara District on the foreshore, it is submitted that the Govt. have in G.O.Ms.No. 1161 Revenue dated 25.4.1955 issued orders that all the encroachments which were in existence in April 1955, on the foreshore in South Kanara District, whether with 100 yards or within one furlong from the high water mark of the sea(excluding casurina and coconut plantations above 100 yards) may be leased out for a period of 5 years on the clear understanding that at the end of the period the encroachers are likely to be evicted.

The Collector of South Kanara has also been asked in the G.O. to initiate proposals within the period of 5 years mentioned above, in consultation with the fishermen and the Fisheries Department to acquire sufficient extent of private lands in the coastal area for the present and future needs of the fishermen.

The Board has now reported, that with reference to the orders of the Govt. above, proposals will be submitted to the Govt. for acquiring private land to provide accommodation to the fishermen on the sea shore in the South Kanara District.

Revenue Department have stated, that if genuine hardship continues to be felt by the fishermen and the proposal to acquire private lands on the foreshore do not materially help in finding out suitable alternative sites, Govt. may perhaps consider extending the 5 year period of lease mentioned above, and that the Board may be requested to submit the proposals called for in G.O.Ms.No. 1161 Rev. dated 25.4.1955 expeditiously. The draft order to the Board submitted below is for approval.

Reservation of Kumaki lands for the fishermen.

Kumaki land is one that is lying within a distance of 100 yards from the cultivated land to which it has been attached. These Kumaki lands are pieces of waste lands or jungle assigned in the settlement of 1818 to each land holder for the provision of pasture, fuel, and

timber. The Kumkidars have a pre-emptive right to assignment when the land is proposed to be assigned by the Govt. Subsequent to Fasli 1270 no 'Kumaki' privileges were granted . The Board is not in favour of reserving 'Kumaki' lands for accommodating the fishermen on the ground that it would work hadship on the agriculturists who will be deprived of green manure etc from the lands for agricultural operations, besides causing widespread discontent among them. Revenue Department have stated that any curtailment of the existing 'Kumaki' privileges might have repurcussions on the efficiency of Agriculture in South Kanara District, and they therefore agree with the Board that Kumaki lands need not be assigned to the fishermen. The proposal of Revenue Department may be accepted. For orders.

A draft Memo. ~~in reply~~ in reply to to the Memorandum submitted by them, is submitted below is for approval. It may issue after circulation to M(A) with reference to his minutes on page 1 c.f. ⊗

⊗ Extract may be examined in consultation with Revenue.
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(notes from 'x' on p.5 above).
The two drafts below may be approved.

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In the petition at pages 1-2 cf., the President, Mo Moolur Moganeera Sabha, Moolur, South Kanara Dt. has requested that foreshore lands on the foreshore in the village may be acquired for being assigned to the fishermen. He has also requested that drinking provision may be made for supply of drinking water in the village by digging wells.

2. The Govt have already called for proposals from the Bd of Revenue for acquisition of foreshore lands on the foreshore in South Kanara Dt for accommodating the fishermen near the sea, in G O Ms 1101 Rev dt 23.4.1953. A copy of petition at pages 1-2 cf. may be communicated to the Bd of Rev for information and necessary action. The

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Memo submitted below is for approval.

3 Revenue and H.E.L.A. Depts may see if before issue.

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Notes of Agriculture on pp 1-2 above and the draft memo below may be perused.
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